

Military servicemembers continue to reap educational opportunities

Enterprise-Oriskany Community College's Fort Rucker Site opened in 1983. Many military servicemembers and their families have enjoyed quality educational opportunities since that time.

EOCC's participation in SOCAD, however, dates back to its inception in 1972. SOCAD stands for Servicemembers Opportunity College Associate Degree. This program allows a servicemember or his/her spouse and eligible family members to satisfy designated minimum residency and credit hour requirements at EOCC, upon transfer from this

area, the student is allowed to complete degree requirements at another college in the SOCAD network and transfer those credits to EOCC; the degree is then awarded from EOCC.

"With SOCAD, our soldier-students can transfer their earned credits to or from other institutions," says Harvey Watt, Associate Dean of Instruction/Special Projects.

"Another important factor for military servicemembers and their families attending EOCC is that we have counselors who are familiar with the SOCAD system and can advise them about their courses of study. Our

counselors also work with military students to insure they receive proper college credit for their military service schools.

"EOCC grants credit in accordance with the recommendations published by the American Council on Education in a 'Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services.' By using this guide as the standard, soldiers are always assured that their service school credits will transfer to all SOCAD institutions.

"The counselors also give personal assistance with the new Go Army Ed system, the program for military tuition assistance.

"And our faculty at Fort Rucker are part-time and full-time instructors. Our quality is equal to the instruction given on either of our larger campuses." For more information about SOCAD or EOCC's Fort Rucker Site, call (334) 598-3438 or go online at www.eocc.edu.

CHAMBER

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Christmas. The cast of the play will include chamber board members. Chamber board member Linda Hodge wrote the play.

The presentation of "Feels Like Christmas" is set to begin at approximately 2 p.m., and chamber officials invite everyone to make plans to be on the square for this production.

Activities on the square for the Christmas Festival will end around 4:43 p.m. as preparation begins for the annual Elba

Christmas Parade. The parade is set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Applications currently are being accepted for parade entries. Anyone interested in entering the parade should contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office for an application form. The deadline to enter the parade is Monday, Dec. 3.

For more information about the Elba Christmas Festival or Parade, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAIN STORMS
with Fern Cox

More and more we are hearing people statewide voice concern over the lack of water all across the South. The growing problem is real but Americans are prone to forget once the immediate problem goes away. An editorial in one of the big daily papers last week took up the cause and we can only say they are "hanging on long". For at least ten years we have been trying to get the state politicians to do some research and planning in this area. As was noted in the recent editorial, "... we don't even know how much water we have". A couple of months ago we were prodding some state officials to get going on doing a study of our water statehood, much like has already been done in the Wiregrass area. Earlier this month we checked back and there has been a little additional talk between the state officials we had collared, but so far nothing else. The needed water related research to get this going will take a couple of years - at least, but until it is started, the information will still be that many years away. Waiting until someone is out of water is much too late. We envision a network of information and infrastructure in which officials know the available water resources statewide and have the ability to shift needed water to isolated communities during local or widespread shortages. This master plan should also be up front with development groups on what amount of additional water is available (long range) for future economic development. The necessary state laws are already in place to start work on such a project. Without this long range planning, Alabama could ... no Alabama will get into the same trouble (or worse) Atlanta, Georgia is facing today. It will happen sooner than any of us would like to admit.

It made front page and breaking TV news when the Hollywood screenwriters went on strike last month, or sometime. There were comments about how terrible it was going to be on the watchers of the tube, etc. Well we think those folks are still on strike and the evening news is no better nor no worse than it was before the writers started their self imposed vacation. Now there may be a real problem with TV addicts who sit glued to the tube every night, but personally if not for those original news reports of the strike, it would be unnoticed at our house. Hint - get you a good book!

Don't get overly excited that Elba Mayor James Grimes has made some positive feedback from FEMA on getting clearance for the 84 Bypass through the Riverview area. Those folks would lose a race with a slow snail. Also one person will say "it's coming" and the next will want another study or more information. This back and forth banner has been going on for several years already. Grimes has far more patience than this writer.

While on FEMA, their action with some of the Hurricane Katrina victims is typical. The New Orleans Audubon Aquarium had estimates of it costing \$616,849 to repurchase the fish they lost in the storm. These alert folks, to their credit, went out in the Gulf of Mexico and caught what they needed for a cost of only \$99,766, saving the American taxpayers over a half million dollars. Then FEMA balked at paying because it didn't fit their version of the way to do things. Now 17 months later FEMA has had a change of heart and will allow disaster funds to cover the much lower expense. Some folks might be surprised at FEMA's originally balking at saving money, but our surprise is that someone in that organization had a brief memory lapse and approved something sensible with our tax dollars. ... like saving money and still getting the assigned job done.

Local people long associated with Dorsey Trailers probably remember Mr. Dave Simon of Pioneer Trailer Sales. Mr. Simon is celebrating his 90th birthday (as noted in the "Guess Who's 90" ad in this issue of The Elba Clipper). Those wanting to send him a card for a "Card Shower" his family is holding may send it to him c/o Pioneer Trailer Sales, P.O. Box 10138, Santa Anna, Ca. 92711.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 19, 2007, investigated the following incidents: three for criminal mischief, one for a lost phone, two for public intoxication, three for harassment, one for domestic violence, two for burglary, one for criminal trespassing, two for driving under the influence, three for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for harassing communications and one for menacing.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, three for public intoxication, one for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument, two for harassment, two for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a revoked driver's license, one for lost music, one for running a stop sign, two for speeding, one for improper equipment, one for no insurance and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOV. 19 - Attempted burglary reported at 1570 Powell Circle (10:50 a.m.);

TUESDAY, NOV. 20 - Disturbance (noise) reported at Whitman Apts. (4:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS to 516 Williams St. (4:31 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1144 Boutwell Ave. (6:10 p.m.);

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21 - Coffee County EMS to Reynolds Ave. (12:17 p.m.); Burglary reported at 209 Fox Dr. (3:22 p.m.); Elba Fire Department to a one-vehicle wreck at the Coffee County Lake Rd. (3:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS to the wreck at the Coffee County Lake Rd. (3:51 p.m.); Coffee County EMS to 1019 Hickman Ave. (5:24 p.m.); Possible prowler reported at 1569 Seminole Circle (8:45 p.m.);

THURSDAY, NOV. 22 - Disturbance (crowd) reported at Burch's Trailer Ct. (9:13 p.m.);

FRIDAY, NOV. 23 - Coffee County EMS to County Rd. 404 (7:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS to 81 County Rd. 418 (7:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS to 757 Reynolds Ave. (10:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS to 1796 Highland Dr. (12:29 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 213 Plant Ave. (1:58 p.m.);

SUNDAY, NOV. 25 - Coffee County EMS to 4858 County Rd. 410 (11:38 a.m.);

Local UDC chapter and Co. E. of 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment Reenactors presided
Grave marker and iron cross dedication held for Richard M. Brunson

It was a beautiful, sunny day with a breeze that fluttered the American, Christian, Alabama, and First National (Confederate) flags. The scene was the well-maintained church cemetery at Brunson Chapel United Methodist Church in Brantley, Ala.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the Gen. Edmund Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Co. E. of the 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment Reenactors presided at a grave marker and iron cross dedication for Private Richard M. Brunson, who fought for the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

The UDC chapter president, Shirley H. Edberg, welcomed approximately 65 Brunson descendants, relatives, UDC and SCV members, and visitors to the ceremony. Jim Edberg, Adjutant, Coffee County Rangers Camp #911, SCV asked for blessings on the proceedings in the opening prayer.

Great great granddaughters, Sharie M. Lowman read the poem, "Have Someone Play Dixie for Me," which was followed by a soft guitar version of the favorite song "Dixie's Land". James Carl Helms gave a biography of his great grandfather, Richard M. Brunson who served in Co. B. 25th Alabama Infantry Regiment, CSA. Brunson was



Co E of the 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment Reenactors firing a gun salute during the dedication ceremony.

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wounded at the Battle of Atlanta in July 1864 and lost his right leg above the knee.

Helms said, "Richard and his wife Maria lived and farmed in the Brunson Chapel Community where they raised nine children. He filed for and received a Confederate Soldier's pension."

Great great great grandsons Jesse and Christopher Lowman unveiled the iron cross marker and CSA headstone and read the inscription, Mr. Helms recited "The Mansions of the Lord" by Randall Wallace.

Mrs. Edberg, who is a great great granddaughter of Brunson, told about the Southern Cross of Honor medal that was copyrighted in 1900 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The medal could only be worn by a Confederate veteran and was presented for local, honorable service to the South.

Mrs. Edberg presented a "replica" of the Southern Cross of Honor to Mr. Helms and asked that he "keep it safe and treasure it on behalf of Richard M. Brunson, a Confederate hero."

Mary L. Helms, the UDC chapter secretary, read "The Veteran's Cross of Honor" by H. H. Stevens. On behalf of the

grandson Christopher Lowman placed the family wreath.

Members from Co. E 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment Reenactors fired a 15 gun salute in honor of Private Brunson and stood at attention during the playing of "Taps." Following a prayer, the reenactors marched out to close the ceremony.

Family and guests then enjoyed refreshments in the UDC member and great great granddaughter and her

Christmas Festival Pageants set for Saturday, Dec. 8, on the square in Elba

The annual Christmas Festival pageants will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m. on the square during the Elba Christmas Festival.

Dress will be Christmas attire, and the pageant is not limited to Elba residents only.

There is an entry fee that should be submitted with the contestant bio sheet. Bio sheets can be picked up at the Chamber office or Elba and Zion Chapel Elementary Schools.

Practice will be held Friday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. on the square. Practice is not mandatory; however, contestants not attending practice should turn in their bio sheet and entry fee prior to this time to allow for a contestant's number to be drawn.

Divisions for the Elba Christmas Festival pageants include: Baby Miss (birth thru 12

months), Tiny Tot Miss (13 months thru 23 months), Petite Miss (2 years thru 3 years), Little Miss (4 years thru Kindergarten), Mini Miss (1st Grade thru 2nd Grade), Junior Miss (3rd Grade thru 4th Grade), and Miss (5th Grade thru 6th Grade).

The queens and runners-up will be invited to ride in the Christmas Parade set for Saturday, Dec. 8, at 4:30 p.m. The line up will be behind the old high school beginning at 4 p.m. For children under the age of 4, pageant officials ask that an adult accompany her on the float. Also, the chamber asks that no one other than Santa throws candy during the parade.

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Obituaries

MILFRED HEAD

Mr. Milfred Head, age 80, of Jack, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at his home in Jack, Springs, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Ellowayne (Wise) Head, Jack, Ala.; two daughters: Kristin Hanson, Elba, Jennie Agerton, Atlanta, Ga.; uncle: Dennis Donaldson (Jeanette), Elba; four aunts: Judy Farris (Mike) and Sheila Carroll (Phil), both of Elba, Bobbie Powers (Don), Dothan, Ala., Kay Strickland (Mark), Andalusia, Ala.; niece: Mary Mack, Kinston; three nephews: Levi Morgan, Mason Davis and Austin Donaldson, Elba; and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Rev. Mack E. Page Sr. officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Head was preceded in death by his grandfather, Louis Frank Grase.

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Hayes Chapel with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed in the Marvin Chapel Church Cemetery, Coffee Springs, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his mother: Mary Lynne Davis (Paul), Elba; his father: Ricky Mack (Rebecca), Kinston, Ala.; paternal grandmother: Margaret Kennington, Elba; maternal grandmother: Avis Mitchell, Kinston; maternal grandmother: Agnes Davis, Elba; two sisters: Kristin Hanson, Elba, Jennie Agerton, Atlanta, Ga.; uncle: Dennis Donaldson (Jeanette), Elba; four aunts: Judy Farris (Mike) and Sheila Carroll (Phil), both of Elba, Bobbie Powers (Don), Dothan, Ala., Kay Strickland (Mark), Andalusia, Ala.; niece: Mary Mack, Kinston; three nephews: Levi Morgan, Mason Davis and Austin Donaldson, Elba; and cousins.

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Survivors include his mother and father: Cynthia Deann and Frederick Grase, Enterprise; two sisters: Amanda Rose Grase, Northport, Ala., Roxanne Marie Grase, Enterprise; granddaughters: Ira Dean Simmons, Yvonne Simmons and Willie Ruth Grase, all of Enterprise; and one great-grandmother: Leila Mae Henderson, Enterprise.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at 2 p.m., with Reverend Wayne Webber and Reverend Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1810

Montgomery Highway, Dothan, AL 36303.

Mr. Ammons was preceded in death by his father Andrew Jackson Ammons, mother Eva Pearl Ammons and a brother Andrew Charles Ammons.

Survivors include his wife: Clevis Ann (Bowden) Ammons, Elba; one son: David Hunter Ammons, Enterprise, Ala.; two sisters: Kathleen Renner, Spanish Fort, Ala., Erlene Kelley Green, Elba; three brothers: Lamar Ammons, Springtown, Texas, William Hayes Ammons, Troy, Ala., Buddy Ammons, Enterprise; one granddaughter: Lauren Ammons and one grandson: Hunter Ammons, both of Enterprise.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

SCHOOLS



Canned food drive held at high school

by Erica Daniels

Elba High School's Student Council collected canned food items from Nov. 5 through Nov. 16 for families in need of food for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The food items benefited families in the City of Elba.

Individual classes were asked to bring food items to support

the canned food drive and to participate in the spirit of giving during the holidays. The class with the most items collected will be rewarded with extended break and a pizza party on Friday, Nov. 30.

A total of 1,114 cans were collected, and the winning class was Mrs. Bucklew's first block class.

Announcements:

* Grad Ad's are on sale! Prices are as follows: \$50 for 1/8 page black and white, \$55 color; \$90 for 1/4 page black and white, \$100 color; \$110 for 1/2 page black and white, \$125 color; \$160 for full page black and white, \$180 color. They will remain on sale through Dec. 17.

* Yearbooks are available for pick-up and extras are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information. Extras will remain on sale. Only a few remain.

* School does not open until 7:00 each morning. Parents of car students should not drop students off before 7 a.m. No student should be in the building before 7.

* Santa Store at EES Dec. 3

EHS announces DAR and EHS Good Citizen award winners

by Ashton Rodriguez

Elba High School recently announced this year's recipients of the DAR and the EHS Good Citizen awards.

The recipient of this year's DAR Award is Ashley Carpenter.

Ashley is the 17-year-old daughter of Calvin and Marietta Carpenter. She is involved in numerous activities at Elba High including the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band, in which she serves as color guard captain, president of Mu-Alpha-Theta, vice president of Key Club, vice president of Sr. Beta, vice president of the senior class, and a student council representative.

When not advising over clubs and organizations, Ashley can be seen proudly wearing the color guard sash.



DAR Good Citizen
Ashley Carpenter



EHS Good Citizen
Trey Martin

The recipient of this year's EHS Good Citizen Award is Trey Martin.

Trey is the 17-year-old son of

Doug and Betsy Martin. He is an active member of Sr. Beta, in which he serves as president. He also serves as an EHS Ambassador.

During football season, Trey could be seen running up and down the football field serving as Elba High's starting quarterback.

When asked about their feelings on receiving these prestigious awards, Ashley and Trey commented, "We are both humbled for being chosen for these awards. It's great to know that we are highly respected by our teachers and peers."

Journalism Spotlight

by April Price



Erica Nequell Daniels takes this week's journalism spotlight.

Erica is a 17-year-old senior, and her parents are Merle Daniels and Jesse Whitfield. Her favorite things about journalism are working on the yearbook and Tiger Times and being Tiger Tales Editor.

Erica describes herself as crazy, but intelligent, and her hobbies include hanging with family and friends, going to the movies, and talking on the phone with her boyfriend. Erica's future plans after graduation include attending a college of her choice and obtaining a degree in medicine.



against New Brockton on Thursday, Nov. 15, was 44-34.

Coach Bledsoe says, "We still have a lot to work on."

Three seniors recognized as "outstanding youth"

by Yoquesha Terry



Yoquesha Terry



Trey Martin



Ashley Carpenter

On Thursday, Nov. 15, the Farm-City Banquet was held in New Brockton, Ala., and three seniors from Elba High School were selected and recognized as outstanding youth.

The three seniors were Yoquesha Terry, Trey Martin and Ashley Carpenter. The seniors

received a letter congratulating them and inviting them to the Farm-City Banquet, where they received their awards.

During the banquet guests were served with dinner and over five choices of dessert. The

Elba High School students tour the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa

From the Students' Perspective
by April Price

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Christina Whitlock, the home economics teacher at Elba High School, hosted a field trip to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

The trip was intended for the students involved in the class to view the similar departments on a larger campus, but in the end, any student could participate as long as he/she paid the thirty-dollar fee to cover the expenses of the trip.

Elba High School students, ranging from eighth grade to seniors, all met at Elba High School at five o'clock in the morning. They departed from the school's parking lot at exactly ten minutes after five. After sleeping for an hour and a half, they arrived in Montgomery

where they stopped for breakfast at McDonald's.

Half awake and energized, they continued their trip to Tuscaloosa. When they finally reached the University of Alabama, some students joked and remarked, "Don't mention the words 'We're going here.'"

The Elba High School students first viewed the child development center. Afterward, they were joyous to learn they would spend a few minutes on the Quad, the University's large grassy area intended for Frisbee, hanging-out or studying.

After walking the entire length of the Quad, the students were divided into two groups. One group observed the athletic department while the other half examined the culinary arts building.

At twelve, the students met at the Ferguson Center, the University's lunchroom, to eat. A bus tour of the entire campus was given to the group at approximately one thirty, and

afterward, they headed back to Elba, arriving at five thirty.

Jacquez Hill, a tenth grader who attended the trip, remarked, "The trip was very exciting. I really enjoyed seeing the athletic department, and the Ferguson Center was a thrill." Justin Hammonds and Dakel Berry, two seniors, said they both want to attend the University because of the beautiful young women they met.

After visiting the campus, more than five students said they plan on attending the University.

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2007 Coffee County Farm-City awards presented to recipients



2007 FARM OF DISTINCTION...The Coffee County Farm-City committee selected the Martin Family Farm (Philip Martin and Son Dairy) as the recipient of the 2007 Farm of Distinction. The Martin Family Farm has been in existence for over 100 years when Philip's father, James Benjamin Martin, purchased part of the approximately 500 acres of the current farm. Philip returned to the family dairy/peanut farm after graduation from the University of Tennessee in 1956. His son, Edwin, returned to the farm in 1982 after earning a degree in dairy science. Max Bozeman (left), president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, presented the award to Philip and Charlene Martin and their son Edwin. Also shown is James Aplin (right), Coffee County Farm-City committee chairman.



2007 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...The Coffee County Farm-City committee selected retail business Kids, Teens and Moms Unlimited of Elba, Ala., as the Business of the Year. The Kids, Teens and Moms Unlimited is owned and operated by Joseph and Dinah Coppage, and they have just recently entered their fifth year of business. The Elba store recently expanded to a 6,000 square foot showroom. Coppage says price and selection are two main reasons people travel to Elba to visit Kids, Teens and Moms Unlimited. She also said the first franchise store for Kids, Teens and Moms Unlimited will open in January 2008 in Cullman, Ala. Those shown above include (from left): James Aplin, Coffee County Farm-City chairman; Dinah Coppage, owner/operator of Kids, Teens and Moms Unlimited; Eddie Vaughan and Kaye Whitworth, representing the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION...One of three livestock production awards went to Chris Sessions (right). The Sessions family farm consists now of only cattle production, and the family markets approximately 1,200 market ready fat cattle per year through various feed yards in the Midwest and approximately 500-800 feeder cattle through their back grounding operations. Shown above with Sessions is his wife, Shan (center), and Max Bozeman, president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION...One of three livestock production awards went to Dawson and Jason Farris. The farm that Dawson and Jason operate has a total of 125 acres of hay land, 385 acres of pastureland and 100 acres of water in ponds. There is a 325 head of brood cows which are able to produce 300 + calves to weaning age. Those pictured above include (from left): Max Bozeman, president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association; Jason Farris and Marsha Farris; Frankie Farris and Dawson Farris.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION...One of three livestock production awards went to Byron Brunson (right). His cattle operation consists of 77 head of cattle on a 190 acre pasture and hay land. He bales his own hay and raises his own heifers. His is also buy planting summer and winter grazing for cows. Shown above with Brunson is his wife, Chris (center), and Max Bozeman, president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association.



PEANUT AWARD...The Peanut Production award was presented to Tim and Mark Sanders. The farm presently consists of 260 acres of peanuts, 30 acres of corn and 225 acres of cotton. In addition to row cropping and broiler houses, they also have approximately 75 brood cows. Those pictured above include (left to right): James Aplin, Farm City chairman; Mark Sanders; Tim Sanders; and Carl Sanders.



COTTON AWARD...The Cotton Production award was presented to the Wallace Farms Partnership (Lavar and Delone Wallace). Lavar and Delone started farming full time in 1974. Today, they farm 600 acres of cotton, 420 acres of peanuts and manage 70 head of brood cows with three herd bulls. Those pictured above include (left to right): James Aplin, Farm City chairman; Delone Wallace; Lavar Wallace; and Carl Sanders.



SERVICE AWARD...The Service Award was presented to the Recovery Organization of Coffee County (ROCC). Following the March 1, 2007 tornado in Enterprise, a long term recovery organization was formed. The mission of this organization, ROCC, was to move those affected by the disaster as far forward down the road to recovery as possible. Accepting the award on behalf of ROCC was Rev. Calvin Cawthon (center) of The Church on the Circle. Also shown are Phil Thomas (left), Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, and James Aplin, Farm City chairman.



CONSERVATION AWARD...The 2007 Outstanding Conservation Farmer award was presented to James W. Stephens Jr. Over the years, Stephens has made significant investments in erosion control practices for the land. He has installed terraces, underground outlets and grassed waterways to safely remove rainfall runoff water. As a result, erosion on cropland has been stopped and crop yields have increased. Those pictured above include (left to right): James Aplin, Farm City chairman; James and Marilyn Stephens; and Mike Harris, Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District.



FORESTRY AWARD...The Forestry award was presented to Mike Newman. The Newman tree farm consists of two tracts of timberland totaling approximately 630 acres. The first tract is located along the Pea River and the second tract is located just south of the Victoria community. Newman's primary objective is to enhance and maintain the wildlife population (deer and turkey) through maintaining wildlife food plots and keeping adequate cover for desired wildlife species. His property is certified as a Treasure Forest. Those pictured above include (from left to right): Nick Granger, Coffee County Forestry; Joan and Mike Newman; and James Aplin, Farm City chairman.



INDUSTRY AWARD...The Industry of the Year award was presented to Viking Lifts Inc. The industry was founded by Harry and Sue Oates in 1990 for the purpose of manufacturing material handling equipment. In 2001, the industry moved into a newly constructed 15,000 sq. ft. facility in the Yancey Parker Industrial Park. Viking Lifts offers the expertise and capability to custom build forklifts for a variety of applications including shipyards, steel and pipe yards, construction projects, gas and oil industries as well as the poultry industry. The award was presented to Harry Oates (center) by James Aplin, left, and Frank Thompson, right.



WAYNE FARMS AWARD...The Hen Grower of the Year award went to Farris Farms - Phil and Susie Farris. The farm was a row crop/cattle operation for 29 years, but in 2005 they decided to forego row cropping and switch to poultry and cattle. Those pictured above include (from left): Steve Carpenter, Greg Lay, Drake Hanson and Mike Mock, all of Wayne Farms; Susie and Phil Farris; and James Aplin, Farm City chairman.



WAYNE FARMS AWARD...The Pullet Grower of the Year award was presented to David Rowe - KDK Farms. Rowe has been a pullet grower for Wayne Farms since July of 2005. Those pictured above include (from left): Steve Carpenter, Greg Lay, Drake Hanson and Mike Mock, all of Wayne Farms; David Rowe; and James Aplin, Farm City chairman.



PILGRIM'S PRIDE AWARD...The Broiler Producer of the Year award was presented to Kelly and Steve Adkison - Southern Pride. This producer is a five house facility. Southern Pride is the company's top producing farm in Coffee County. Those pictured above include (from left): James Aplin, Farm City chairman; Josh Adkison, Kelly Adkison, Dalton Adkison, Steve Adkison; and Wayne Wilford, Pilgrim's Pride representative. Not pictured is the Adkison's son, Garrett.

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Chan Barbaree completes first solo flight at Elba airport

Excitement filled the air Friday, Sept. 28, at the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba as Chan Barbaree and his flight instructor, Casey Burill, made history. Barbaree was Burill's first solo student, and the flight was the final student solo to take place during his solo. The final approach was completed, and Barbaree made that ever important landing. In pilot terms, he was a success.

It was a calm, clear late evening when Barbaree and Burill completed the final ground check on the Cessna 150 aircraft to be used for the flight. Once seated in the Cessna, Barbaree completed the pre-flight checklist and began taxiing down the runway.

Once the two were airborne and a few patterns were completed, Burill instructed Barbaree to land and let him out. At this point, Barbaree was on his own for his first solo flight.

Barbaree taxied back, ran up the engine for a final check, released the brakes and began speeding down the runway for his first lift-off alone and the final lift-off for a solo student at the Elba runway prior to the start of the scheduled improvement work.

Several friends and fellow students were there to watch this event.

Barbaree lifted the Cessna off the runway, above the trees, and for the first time he knew he was a pilot. Many radio calls took place during his solo. The final approach was completed, and Barbaree made that ever important landing. In pilot terms, he was a success.

Just to top off the event of a lifetime, Burill approached Barbaree with a pair of scissors and told him to turn around. It is custom for a solo student to lose the back of his shirt.

Burill cut a very large square of fabric, made all the annotations in permanent marker and presented Barbaree with a tangible memory of his solo flight.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We loaded up and went over to my Mom's house for Thanksgiving dinner, and while the food was great and the house was filled with three brothers and five grandchildren, there weren't any leftovers to munch on later in the day as we were left looking in the refrigerator after returning home. Next year we may return to Mom's for dinner, but you can bet I will cook an extra bird to give us leftovers for later that day, and in the days to come.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The big sports news across the state last week was the reclassification announcement by the Alabama High School Athletic Association. The high school association bases the reclassification on the average daily enrollment at the state's public schools, and updates the list every two years. This year's changes were especially interesting as Elba dropped back down to Class 2A and will now compete in football with such area teams as Samson, New Brockton, Houston County, Houston Academy, G.W. Long, Cottonwood and Barbour County. From that list only Cottonwood and Houston Academy managed to post a winning record last season, while G.W. Long was winless. Things can certainly change over the course of a year. However, it looks like Elba may have moved into one of the easiest 2A regions in the state. Another interesting note about Elba High was the fact its enrollment was less than two students higher than New Brockton. Over in basketball, the Tigers were placed in the area with Samson, New Brockton and Cottonwood, and while the competition will be a little stronger in roundball, it will still be an area Elba should be able to finish near the top of the standings.

*** Zion Chapel also made the move to Class 2A, but the Rebels weren't as happy as other folks as they were placed in a region in football with Francis Marion, Goshen, Highland Home, Keith, R.C. Hatch, Reeltown and St. Jude. Lowly R.C. Hatch should be a good homecoming opponent, but except for that good news the remainder of the region could provide a killer schedule for the Rebels and their fans, both on and off the field. Over in basketball the Rebels will be in the area with Goshen, Highland Home and Reeltown, which will put a few less miles on the buses, but will be just as competitive.

*** Before leaving the AHSAA and its reclassifications, it was interesting to look at the enrollment figures and see how things have changed over the years. In 6A, Benjamin Russell joined the ranks as Alexander City continued to rebound after the loss of thousands of jobs years ago in the garment industry. In 5A, look for a very interesting state basketball tournament with the addition of former 6A powers Selma, Carver, of Montgomery; and LeFlore, of Mobile. Football teams that have no business in the classification include Tallapoosa, Monroe County and Rehoboth. In 4A, Opp football fans will have to pull out their maps and pull out their wallets to fill up the cars as the Bobcats compete in a region that is spread out all across the state. The teams in the region with the Bobcats include Alabama Christian, Catholic and St. James, all located in Montgomery, as well as Ashford, Bullock County, Elmore County and Holtville. When the closest game played is in Ashford, it doesn't take long to figure out the Bobcats and their fans have some long trips ahead for the next two years. In 3A, Luverne made the move up, while Wicksburg also moved up in class and was left crying the blues. Wicksburg had turned into one of the top 2A programs around in recent years in all sports while competing against such 2A opponents as Geneva County, Houston County, Samson, New Brockton, Houston Academy, G.W. Long and Cottonwood. However, those days will be over as the Panthers must now take the field against such 3A powers as Daleville, Geneva, Pike County and Straughn, not to mention Abbeville, Dale County, Headland and Slocumb. In 2A, Zion Chapel's move up and its future road trips grabbed a lot of attention, while a team that should be looking at piling up the miles is Red Level. The Tigers from over in Crenshaw County are in the region with Excel, Flomaton, Leroy, Millry, Southern Choctaw, Washington County and Mobile Christian. No short trips on that schedule, either. In 1A, Geneva County moved down in class and will now compete in the region with Brantley, while Georgiana also moved down and should make some noise over in the region with Sweet Water. I know the AHSAA does the best it can when it draws up the regions in each class. However, when Elba and Zion Chapel are only 12 miles apart and are placed in different regions something is wrong, as is the case with Opp and Andalusia. Oh well, it does make for some new road trips for the fans.

*** The state high school football playoffs continued last week-end and for the teams in the Wiregrass area the season came to an abrupt end. Charles Henderson, Andalusia, Pike County and Cottonwood all entered the third round with high hopes, but the four teams lost by an average of almost 35 points each, with Pike County's 24-0 loss being the closest any of the teams came to advancing. The other news in third round action was Hoover's loss to Vestavia Hills that ended the career of Coach Rush Probst at the highly successful Birmingham-area high school. I guess the change at Hoover may have happened anyway, but I wonder how much the Bucs being on MTV for two seasons had to do with the fans getting to see the Hoover coach perhaps a little more than he would have liked.

*** The Polish Prognosticator hit on 10 of 12 playoff picks last week to move his playoff totals to 54-11, and called in this week's picks over the holidays. Here goes....

Class 1A - Sweet Water 35 Maplesville 21, Sulligent 28 Talladega County 14

Class 2A - American Christian 31 Leroy 12, Fyffe 42 Red Bay 20 Class 3A - Cordova 28 Calera 13, Clay County 21 Colbert County 20

Class 4A - Central Tuscaloosa 27 Thomasville 24, Dresher 28 Brooks 21

Class 5A - St. Paul's 31 Williamson 27, Briarwood 24 Cullman 7 Class 6A - Prattville 21 McGill-Toolen 10, Vestavia Hills 17 Spain Park 15

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Zion Chapel moves up to 2A

AHSAA reclassification drops Elba High back to Class 2A for 2008-2010 athletic seasons

Schools in the Alabama High School Athletic Association have been reclassified for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years, according to an announcement Monday by Steve Savarese, Executive Director.

This procedure, approved by the Central Board of Control, is implemented every two years to take into consideration the changing enrollments of schools, school consolidations and closings, new schools and association members and current member schools adding sports to their interscholastic program. Classifying member schools for the purpose of athletic competition is one of the Central Board's duties under Article VII of the AHSAA Constitution.

Schools are divided into six classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A) for competition in championship programs.

Classification was based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) figures furnished by the State Department of Education for the upper three grades (10, 11 and 12) plus ninth grade holdbacks. Schools with the largest enrollments are placed in Class 6A, the next largest in Class 5A, etc.

An index of 1.35 was used to

determine the enrollment figure for classifying each private school member. Each private school student counts 1.35 for classification purposes.

Alignments are made for each sport in each class, based on the number of schools participating in a sport. Some programs include two or more classes in a division.

The current two-year classification period ends with the 2007-08 school year. The new alignments will go into effect in the fall of 2008.

In the football alignment where travel was a major factor, regions are uneven with 7-, 8- and 9-team groupings. Regions with 7 teams will leave weeks 1, 5 and 10 open for non-region games and schedule their six region games over the other seven weeks (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9).

Regions with 8 teams will leave weeks 1, 5 and 10 open for non-region games and schedule region games on the other seven weeks (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9).

Regions with 9 teams will leave week 10 open and draw for the other week to leave open for non-region games. Each team would then have eight weeks to schedule its region games.

2008-2010 BASKETBALL AREAS

CLASS 1A-AREA 1
Florala, Kinston, McKenzie, Pleasant Home

CLASS 1A-AREA 2
Arlton, Brantley, Geneva County, Providence Christian

CLASS 2A-AREA 1
Excel, Flomaton, Mobile Christian, Red Level

CLASS 2A-AREA 2
Cottonwood, Elba, New Brockton, Samson

CLASS 2A-AREA 3
Barbour County, G.W. Long, Houston Academy, Houston County

CLASS 2A-AREA 4
Goshen, Highland Home, Reeltown, Zion Chapel

CLASS 3A-AREA 1
Daleville, Geneva, Slocumb, Wicksburg

CLASS 3A-AREA 2
Calhoun, Central Hayneville, Luverne, Straughn

CLASS 3A-AREA 3
Abbeville, Dale County, Headland, Pike County

CLASS 4A-AREA 1
Ashford, Bullock County, Opp, St. James

CLASS 4A-AREA 2
Andalusia, Clarke County, Hillcrest, Evergreen, Thomasville

CLASS 5A-AREA 1
Carroll, Charles Henderson, Eufaula, Rehoboth

CLASS 5A-AREA 2
Greenville, Monroe County, Wilcox Central

CLASS 6A-AREA 1
Dothan, Enterprise, Northview

Spotlight on Hunting



Jessie Brunson (left) killed her first deer Sunday, Nov. 11, during the youth hunt weekend. The big buck weighed 240 pounds and had 11 points with a 20-inch inside spread. Jessie was accompanied on the hunt by her cousin, Chris Hodge.

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HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FIGURES

CLASS 6A		CLASS 3A	
1. Bob Jones	2054.85	1. Headland	294.9
2. Hoover	1775.95	2. Beulah	292.65
3. Murphy	1731	3. LAMP	292.2
4. Sparkman	1694.75	4. Leeds	290.9
5. Prattville	1562.45	5. Catholic, H'ville	290.25
6. Jeff Davis	1507.9	6. Trinity	286.2
7. R.E. Lee	1429.05	7. T.R. Miller	285.55
8. Grissom	1385.45	8. Sardis	285.45
9. Enterprise	1355.35	9. Lauderdale County	285.05
10. Oak Mountain	1290.95	10. Montgomery Acad.	283.5
(Others) 14. Smiths Station	1202.25	(Also) 13. Straughn	279.85
15. Auburn	1152.1	Daleville	276.8
29. Dothan	987.15	23. Dale County	273.35
32. Lanier	959.75	26. Geneva	272.15
37. Opelika	901.3	31. Abbeville	259.45
46. Northview	861	53. Wetumpka	242.25
53. Wetumpka	774.35	58. Pike County	235.15
61. Russell County	691.8	60. Slocumb	231.2
		65. Luverne	226.25
		Wicksburg	222.4

CLASS 5A		CLASS 2A	
1. Selma	682.25	1. Fyffe	222.25
2. Carver, Mont.	674.45	2. Geraldine	221.9
3. Hartsville	666.15	3. Mobile Christian	221.4
4. Carver, Bham	659.55	4. West End	221
5. Albertville	643.05	5. Fultonville	218.15
6. Athens	638.55	6. Westminster Christian	216
7. LeFlore	630.35	7. Hale County	215.1
8. John Carroll	616.95	8. Winston County	214.3
9. McAdory	611.1	9. Ranburne	212.5
10. Eufaula	609.1	10. Leroy	212.45
(Others) 17. B.T. Washington	584.5	(Also) 19. Houston Academy	202.5
18. Carroll	583.55	22. Elba	199.55
24. St. Paul's	558.9	24. New Brockton	197.95
26. Gulf Shores	542.4	27. Barbour County	196.8
37. Greenville	518.2	29. Excel	196.4
43. Charles Henderson	502.55	33. Lanett	190.85
47. Rehoboth	492.5	40. Highland Home	185
60. Monroe County	433	42. Red Level	181.35
64. Tallapoosa	413.75	44. Flomaton	180.7
		47. Samson	178.65
		55. G.W. Long	168.6
		57. Cottonwood	165.35
		62. Zion Chapel	157

CLASS 4A		CLASS 1A	
1. West Point	410.65	1. Ashbury	147.75
2. Dallas County	410.2	2. Ragland	146
3. Bibb County	407.5	3. Loachapoka	145.9
4. Ramsey	407	4. Billingsley	143.55
5. Elmore County	402.35	5. Holy Spirit	141.75
6. West End	400.1	6. Talladega County	140
7. Douglas	397.3	7. Gaston	139.05
8. Dora	397.15	8. Georgiana	138.85
9. Lawrence County	395.1	9. Geneva County	137.9
10. Guntersville	395.05	10. Arden	137.8
(Others) 13. UMS-Wright	391.5	(Also) 26. Florala	121.2
17. Bullock County	389.26	Kinston	118.1
19. Alabama Christian	379.23	39. Pleasant Home	109.75
23. Ashford	368.6	42. Brantley	108.85
45. Hillcrest	325.45	64. McKenzie	81.15
49. Opp	315.25	54. Thomasville	310.25
57. W.S. Neal	307.87		

2008-2010 FOOTBALL REGIONS

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CLASS 2A-REGION 1
Barbour County, Cottonwood, Elba, G.W. Long, Houston Academy, Houston County, New Brockton, Samson

CLASS 2A-REGION 2
Francis Marion, Goshen, Highland Home, Keith, R.C. Hatch, Reeltown, Saint Jude, Zion Chapel

CLASS 3A-REGION 1
Bayside Academy, Calhoun, Central Hayneville, Choctaw County, Cottage Hill, Luverne, Straughn, T.R. Miller

CLASS 3A-REGION 2
Abbeville, Dale County, Daleville, Geneva, Headland, Pike County, Slocumb, Wicksburg

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SPORTS

Moss and Pierce named Wendy's Heisman winners at Kinston High

Kinston High School is extending a special congratulations to John Moss and Kourteney Pierce, who were named School Winners for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award. To be eligible for this award, students must display academic aptitude, athletic talent and exceptional commitment to their communities.

The Wendy's High School Heisman program, awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman, celebrates the achievements of the nation's top high school seniors both in and out of the classroom. Just as the collegiate Heisman is known for being the top award in college football, the WISH award is known for being the most prestigious award at the high school level. The award encourages future leadership by recognizing well-balanced lifestyles at an early age.

Kourteney Pierce and John Moss were selected as School Winners based on their accomplishments in the classroom, sports, civic involvement, and positions held in clubs and activities.

"John and Kourteney are future leaders and will represent their school well in the next phase of judging," said Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Memorial Trophy and Wendy's High School Heisman program spokesperson. "I'm proud to be involved with an award that embodies the spirit of the Heisman tradition of hard work, dedication and an outstanding record both on and off the field."

"John and Kourteney have shown throughout their high school careers that they embody the Wendy's High School Heisman lifestyle," said Mr. Terry Weeks, principal. "This award is the perfect way to celebrate their achievements and showcase the outstanding talent at Kinston High School."

For more information or to track a student's progress through the competition, please log on to www.wendysheisman.com or call 1-800-205-6367. The names of all applicants and school winners will be posted on the Wendy's High School Heisman Web site in early October.

Created in 1994, the Wendy's High School Heisman program has celebrated youth excellence for 14 years. The program consists of six phases - Applicants, School Winners, State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists and National Winners. Entries are initially evaluated by ACT Assessment during the Applicant, State Finalist and State Winner phases and then passed on to a distinguished panel of judges.

Twelve National Finalists are invited to participate in Heisman weekend festivities during an all-expense paid trip to New York City on Dec. 7-9. ESPN2 will feature all 12 National Finalists during the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards Ceremony, which airs on Dec. 9.

STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
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QUARTERFINAL RESULTS:
Talladega County 21, Hazlewood 20
Sulligent 52 Shoals Christian 22

SEMIFINAL MATCH-UPS:
Class 6A
McGill-Toolen 16 Daphne 10
St. Paul 19 Mt. Brook 14
Class 5A
St. Paul 49 Charles Henderson 15
Williamson 38 UMS-Wright 21
Cullman 42 Decatur 32
Boltwood 35 Johnson 20

CLASS 4A
Central 47 Tuscaloosa 47
Andalusia 7
Thomasville 49 Handley 12
Deshler 47 Madison County 28
Brooks 41 Guntersville 38
Class 3A
Cordova 34 Pike County 0
Opp 20 Clarke County 7
Colbert County 31 Leeds 13
Clay County 28 Lincoln 13
Class 2A
American Christian 48
Cottonwood 12
Class 1B
Red Bay 31 Piedmont 23
Fyffe 48 Pennington 7
Class 1A
Sweet Water 39 Wadley 7
Mapleview 34 Linden 14

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CLASS 2A
Leroy (12-1) at American Ch. Hills 11 (1-2)
Fyffe (13-0) at Red Bay (13-0)
CLASS 1A
Mapleview (12-0) at Sweet Water (12-0)
Sulligent (12-1) at Talladega County (13-0)

Zion Chapel drops two games at Pea River Valley tournament

The Zion Chapel Rebels competed in the Pea River Valley Basketball Tournament last week at New Brockton High School and dropped two straight games in the four-team event.

Zion Chapel tangled with New Brockton in the opening round and kept it close for one quarter before coming out on the short end of a lopsided 93-36 final score. The Rebels trailed only 12-8 midway through the opening quarter, but saw New Brockton go on a 30-8 second quarter run to blow the game open and never recovered as they took the loss. Logan Canley scored 9 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead the Rebels, while Garrett Stinson added 7 points and 6 rebounds and Morgan Mammal and Justin Winters both scored 6 points.

Zion Chapel met the Arton Purple Cats in the consolation game and dropped a 52-27 decision. The Rebels couldn't find the basket in the opening stanza, and didn't get on the scoreboard until midway through the second quarter as a basket cut the Arton lead to 12-2. Zion Chapel trailed 21-6 at the half, and while the Rebels did get as close as 31-20 in the third quarter, the Purple Cats easily remained in



New Brockton Gamecock sies the basket after grabbing a rebound in recent high school basketball action. (Photos by Mike Capps)

New Brockton settles for second in Pea River Valley Conference

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Pea River Valley Conference Basketball Tournament last week and posted one win and one loss to place second in the four-team event.

New Brockton opened the tournament against the Zion Chapel Rebels and rolled to an easy 93-36 win. The Gamecocks got off to a slow start and led only 12-8 midway through the opening period, but opened up a 17-8 lead by the end of the quarter and then went on a 30-8 blitz in the second quarter to grab a big 47-16 halftime advantage. New Brockton upped its advantage to 68-26 in the third quarter and coasted in with the lopsided 93-36 win. Justin Flowers scored 27 points to lead New Brockton, while Brandon Farnon added 13 and Dadrion Johnson, Shambray Johnson and Courtney Foster all added 12. Logan Canley led Zion Chapel with 9 points and 8 rebounds, while Garrett Stinson added 7 points and pulled down 6 rebounds.

New Brockton ran into the Samson Tigers in the tournament finals and dropped a wild 64-61 decision to settle for runner-up honors. The Gamecocks came out firing and opened up an early 5-0 lead, only to see Samson pull even at 14-14 by the end of the first quarter and then go up 22-17 early in the second quarter. New Brockton caught the Tigers at 29-29 by the end of the half, but Samson opened the third quarter with a 7-0 run to go on top 36-29.

A 9-1 Gamecock rally put New Brockton back ahead 38-37 late in the final stanza, but the Gamecocks again rallied and pulled within 58-56 with less than two minutes remaining on the clock. Samson connected on 6 of 8 free throws down the stretch and held on for the 64-61 win. Courtney Foster scored 20 points to lead New Brockton, while Dadrion Johnson added 15 points and grabbed 20 rebounds. Shaunte Hill scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Samson.

High School & Junior High BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

VARSITY

Friday, November 30
Luverne at Elba (4:30)
New Brockton at Opp (4:30)
McKenzie at Zion Chapel (4:30)

Saturday, December 1

Bethlehem at Kinston (4:00)

Tuesday, December 4

Zion Chapel at Pleasant Home (4:30)

JUNIOR HIGH

Thursday, November 29
Geneva at Elba (8G-8B) 4:30
Fleeta at Opp (8G-8B) 4:00

Monday, December 3

Fleeta at Florala (8G-8B) 4:00
Kinston at Zion Chapel (8G-8B) 4:30

Tuesday, December 4

Opp at Elba (8G-8B) 4:30

COMMUNITY NEWS

Medicare prescription program enrollment open until December 31st

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug Program begins Thursday, November 15. The Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) is advising senior citizens to seek help and choose wisely when selecting a plan for 2008.

Senior citizens need to ask

these three questions when evaluating their plan for 2008:

- Cost: Will your premium and costs change in 2008?
- Coverage: Do you need more coverage in 2008? Will the prescription drugs you take be covered by your plan in 2008?
- Customer Service: Are you satisfied with your plan's service?

Seniors can call Medicare direct to enroll in a plan at 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227).

The Alabama Department of Senior Services' Senior Medicare Patrol Program is offering Medicare Protection Toolkits to help seniors.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...

November's Business of the Month Clark Furniture

Clark Furniture opened in Elba on Jan. 2, 1992. Jud and Susan Rhodes moved to Elba looking forward to meeting new people and working with the people of Elba.

"We greatly appreciate the support and business from Elba, Jack and the surrounding areas," said store manager Jud Rhodes. "Shopping in Elba is vital to the growth of our city and community."

Rhodes invites everyone to come by and shop with Clark Furniture. He said he welcomes the opportunity to help citizens with their furniture and appliance needs.

"We are looking forward to seeing you," he said.



Jud Rhodes manages the Elba location of Clark Furniture. He is shown above with his wife, Susan, and daughter, Sarah Kay.

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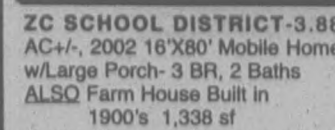
NEW LISTING-New
Brockton - 104 N.
Watkins 1 BR - 1 Bath
Lot 118 x 117 x 118 x 108
\$16,900



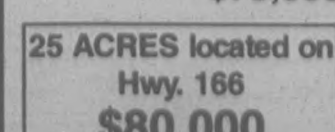
1133 Oak St - 3 BR - 2 Baths,
Nice Deck
\$85,000



953 Sunset Blvd. - 3 BR - 1
1/2 Bath, .46 AC +/- Vinyl
Siding, Stor. Bldg., Fenced
Yard.
\$75,000
\$67,800 \$74,000



26 SCHOOL DISTRICT-3.88
AC +/- 2002 16'x20' Mobile Home
w/Large Porch- 3 BR, 2 Baths
ALSO Farm House Built in
1900's 1,338 sf
If you like farm houses you will
love this one-with original lightning
rods! 415 CR 128 - Jack, AL
\$78,000



25 ACRES located on
Hwy. 166
\$80,000



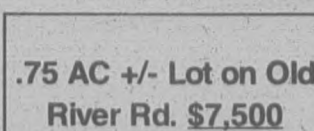
607 Simmons St. - Downtown
- Great for Residence of
Business, 1805 sf - 3 BR, 2
Baths, Remodeled - Central H
& C.
\$84,500
\$59,500



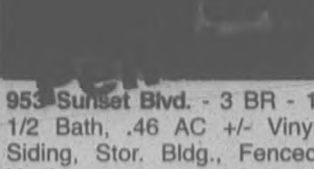
NEW LISTING
Thomas Street - Small
House w/ Commercial
Building - 70 x 115 Lot
\$18,000



1250 N. Claxton Ave. - 3 BR,
2-Bath Brick Home - 5-years
old - 1,404 sf - In-ground pool
w/ Cool Pool House
\$129,000



.75 AC +/- Lot on Old
River Rd. \$7,500



972 Elm St. Brick & Vinyl
home in Brookdale - Formal
LR & DR - hardwood floors-
fenced yard
\$92,000



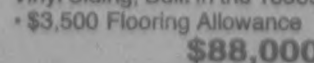
17 AC +/-
with 1,272 of Farm House -
3-BR, 1-Bath - 754 McGough
Road - Luverne
\$74,500
\$69,500



Corner of Putman and
Cordelia - 4-BR, 2-Baths,
Vinyl Siding, Built in the 1980s
- \$3,500 Flooring Allowance
\$88,000



12 AC +/- Fenced- Septic
Tank, County Water, Deep
Well Pump, Friendship
Community
\$74,500
\$65,000



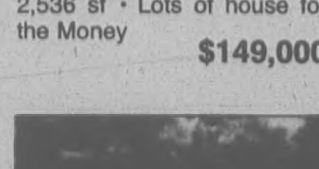
NEW LISTING
36 ACRES / Pasture of
Wood Land w/ 1-acre
Pond - Large Pole Barn
w/ 1-BR, 1-Bath Apt.
\$180,000



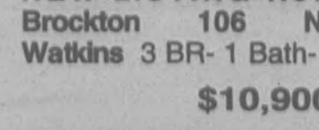
322 Yelverton - Beautiful
home located downtown with
3-BR, 2-Baths & Mother-In-
Law Suite with Additional
Bedroom and Bath
\$119,900



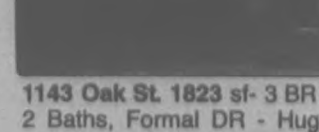
1143 Oak St. 1823 sf - 3 BR -
2 Baths, Formal DR - Huge
Deck & Storage Bldg.,
Ceramic Tile
\$125,000
\$112,000



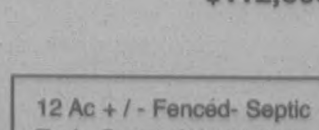
NEW LISTING-New
Brockton 106 N.
Watkins 3 BR- 1 Bath-
\$10,900



NEW LISTING
New Brockton
Beautiful Homesite
110 X 140
Knight St.
\$12,500



Champ McCollough Drive -
150' x 200' Lot (Additional
Land Available) - 5-BR, 3-
Baths - Double Carport - Near
Hawkins-Williams Field
\$165,000



815 Rebecca - 2 Lots -
3-BR, 1 Bath - Hardwood
Floors - 1,508 sq. ft. - Jacuzzi
\$60,000



Fire Marshal reports fire prevention can save lives

Home fires resulted in 87 fire-related fatalities in the state of Alabama in 2006, ranking Alabama as the third worst in the nation in deaths and injuries. While progress has been made in recent years in educating families about fire safety and smoke alarms, too many people continue to die from fires.

The Alabama Fire Marshal's office points out that one of the

main causes behind these tragic statistics is that people are not getting out of their homes in time. Also, most Americans greatly underestimate the time it takes until a fire turns deadly.

To learn more about home fire safety, contact Samille Jackson at 800-252-1818 or visit the ADPH Web site at www.adph.org/injuryprevention



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